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Need Improved Pacification Program in Vietnam: SecDef

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara expressed pleasure with military progress observed during his Vietnam visit but believes a need exists for an improved pacification program.

The secretary noted that during the coming year increased attention will be required to bring security to the hamlets.

He said, "The only area that I observed in which I think progress has been less than satisfactory was that of the rural development program, the pacification of the countryside. . . ."

In a related area, Secretary McNamara said, "The economy has measurably improved."

He explained, "The decision to devalue the piaster a few months ago, a decision that required considerable political courage on the part of the South Vietnamese Government, has proven successful in reducing the rate of inflation."

Secretary McNamara noted, "Inflation remains a risk, a danger, a factor which I think we must take into account in planning the deployment of U.S. military forces in the future and undoubtedly will be a limiting factor affecting the size of those forces."

At present, the United States has 331,000 servicemen deployed to South Vietnam.

Secretary McNamara's Veterans Day Message

America owes an immense debt of gratitude to its veterans for the sacrifices they have made in behalf of liberty. As we express a small measure of our appreciation in nationwide Veterans Day ceremonies, other gallant Americans—the veterans of tomorrow—are defending freedom in Vietnam, or resolutely guarding its frontiers elsewhere around the world. For holding high the torch of freedom today, we honor them as we do our veterans.

Signed
ROBERT S. McNAMARA

EIGHT-STAR CONVERSATION—Leader of NATO's two top-level operational commands—Allied Command Europe and Allied Command Atlantic—appear at the meetings of the NATO Military Committee at Atlantic Command Headquarters, Norfolk, Va. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, USA (left), Supreme Commander of all NATO ground forces in Europe, and Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, USN, Supreme Commander of NATO naval forces in the Atlantic, discuss events.

Air Guardsmen Volunteer To Aid in Move from France

Air National Guardsmen from 13 states have volunteered for temporary active duty service in Europe to assist in the removal and reinstallation of communications equipment from France to other nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The more than 400 volunteers are from 17 ANG Ground Electronics and Engineering Installations Agency and communications maintenance units. They are scheduled for assignment this winter, and will go overseas for up to 89 days temporary duty.

The units are from California, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Washington.

Selection of the volunteers was made by the Air Force Logistics Command.

Washington Memos

JOINT TASK FORCE "Bold Party" completed airlift assistance to Mexico for Tampico area hurricane "Inez" victims. Elements of STRICOM carried 102,260 pounds of relief supplies during three-day operation. Some 40 missions were flown totaling more than 71 hours flight time. JTF doctors treated evacuated victims and Mexican doctors were transported to villages aiding the stricken.

DOD STATISTICS REVEAL that 5,566 U. S. service personnel have lost their lives from actions by hostile forces in Vietnam from Jan. 1, 1961 through Oct. 15, 1966. Additionally, 1,187 died from non-hostile action causes.

ARMY MAJOR GENERAL Richard C. Ciccolella has been appointed Senior Member, United Nations Command Component, Military Armistice in Korea. Former STRICOM personnel director succeeds Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Joseph O. Butcher, whose next assignment is Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C. Senior member position is rotated among Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, noting increased role of China in International Relations, has added Chinese as sixth language taught in Department of Foreign Languages. This is first Oriental language taught at the Academy. Prior to addition of Chinese, cadets had opportunity to study French, German, Spanish, Russian or Portuguese.

GEMINI 12 MISSION will include a new wrinkle, the proposed viewing of a high altitude sodium vapor cloud formed by a French Centaur rocket to be launched from Algeria some 64 hours into the flight. Gemini 12 launch date remains as announced earlier, Nov. 9, 1823 GMT.

FY67 TOW MISSILE research and development continues with $3.9 million definitization of a previously awarded contract going to Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, Calif. Contracting agency is Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.

VADM. THOMAS F. CONNOLLY, Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet, recently flew the variable-sweep-wing F-111 at Ft. Worth, Tex., division of General Dynamics. Adm. Connolly made 55-minute flight in a developmental F-111 tactical fighter-bomber, the AF version of the bi-service airplane, also being developed for Navy as the F-111B air superiority fighter.

ARMY RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD units throughout 13 states of Fifth U.S. Army area will take part in a major command post exercise, CPX Round-Up 1, next Jan.-April. They will not leave their training centers but will utilize regularly scheduled drill periods and two days of active duty for training in course of four-month exercise.

NAVY HAS COMPLETED its phase-out of involuntarily extended enlisted personnel which began September of last year. Personnel were initially extended for four months with graduated step-down in length of extensions during phaseout period. Program affected 70,000 personnel.

NASA SPACE CONTRACT awarded to Bendix Field Engineering Company of Owings Mills, Md., for maintenance and operational support of the Deep Space Network, a worldwide communications system. Contract for three years is valued at about $40 million.

'PILOT CHART" PRINTED on back of informative article on sea safety published and sold for 50c by U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office at Suitland, Md. Current October issue warns boatmen about dangers of fishing fleets and their off-shore fishing lines that can run as long as 15-miles and foul propellers of the unwary.

STUDIES INDICATE POTENTIAL value of 100 percent silicone ointment in preventing tropical immersion foot. Decision on its effectiveness, however, is being withheld by Navy pending further study. Great majority of Marine volunteers receiving treatment developed only minimal objective evidence of immersion foot. Physicians worked with volunteers at Navy Medical Field Research Laboratory, Camp Lejeune, N. C. Field trials under combat conditions are planned.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT REPORTS public holding of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds gained $13 million in Sept. Cash sales of Series E and H Bonds totaled $403 million, while redemptions, at cost price, were $446 million, leaving net decrease, at cost price, of $43 million. E Bond sales were highest for any September since 1945, while combined sales of E and H Bonds highest for that month since 1955.

HUMID CLIMATE CORROSION preventative now being tested by Naval Air Systems Command consists of spraying an ultra-thin transparent film known as AML-350 on surfaces. Initial reports from fleet squadrons participating in tests are described as enthusiastic. Navy points out that corrosion of military equipment in marine and humid climates like Vietnam poses major problem in both damage and time spent in preventative maintenance.

SUBMERSIBLE VEHICLES TESTING is being conducted by Navy's Oceanographic Office in waters off Bermuda. Under evaluation is Perry Cubmarine, specifically to determine its value as an ocean survey platform and type of instruments that would be compatible with miniature vessel.

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Background for Commanders

AN ASIAN VIEW OF ASIA TODAY

President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Republic of the Philippines, in an address before a joint session of Congress on September 15, spoke of Asia's challenge to America. Below are excerpts from his address.

America by the inscrutable judgment of destiny has become the trustee of civilization for all humanity. And America cannot escape this role.

The summons to America is worldwide, but the area of greatest urgency is Asia.

In Asia the ultimate questions are being asked concerning man's capacity, in this atomic age, to survive his own suicidal instincts, fashion workable modes of co-existence, and eventually build that better world to which his nobler self aspires.

Asia today challenges America and the rest of the world in 3 vital fields: security from aggression; economic cooperation; and the definition of the moral and political basis upon which a new, more creative, more stable partnership could be built.

A Dangerous Period

To the free Asian nations rightly belong the primary responsibility for their own security and well-being. This is an inevitable and a welcome consequence of independence. However, China's power, blatantly militant and still unrestrained by firm commitments to international law, is developing during the dangerous interim period when the other Asian states, whether jointly or alone, cannot organize adequate defensive strength and before the United Nations has perfected its capacity to maintain international peace and order. The resulting security gap invites intervention, subversion, and foreign-inspired "wars of liberation." This dangerous security gap which is the present period can only be filled by America.

The old hard-core leaders around Mao Tse-tung are firmly and securely in power. The mantle of authority upon the demise of Mao Tse-tung will fall upon the shoulders of Marshal Lin Piao, the prophet of Mao Tse-tung still supported by Chou En-lai. This is a hard political reality. During the lifetime of these leaders at the least, it is believed by many that there is no probability of the moderation or mellowing of Chinese Communist policies.

We are not against negotiations with Red China nor do we espouse a cutting of communications with them. On the contrary, we will support every effort to keep the channels of communication open and hope that negotiation can bring about a suspension of hostilities—but the military initiative just recently recovered should not be forfeited.

Marshal Lin Piao's pattern of world conquest is summed up in his terse simplification that in the world Asia, Africa, and Latin America are the rural areas while Western Europe and North America are the cities: That when the rural areas are conquered, the cities will fall.

Asia may fall but America is the ultimate target. It is, therefore, to your national interest that the plan be aborted.

Toward Peace in Vietnam

Several Asian states, the Philippines among them, have been working quietly to bring about the first prerequisite to peace in Vietnam and that is to establish lines of communications between North and South Vietnam.

To bring about peace in Vietnam will involve long, tedious, confidential, and secret negotiations. Patience and fortitude and just the right touch of sophistication and civility in the conduct of these negotiations will succeed. Publicity should come only after peace has been negotiated.

Even in this modern world for the success of conciliation the most important factor to regard in Asia diplomacy is that no nation or leader or diplomat loses face in the negotiations. Losing face is still an unpardonable offense to an Asian.

The crux of the problem for America is to bring American power to bear in Asia on terms acceptable to Asian nationalism. It is a difficult but not an impossible task.

The challenge to America is to extend to Asia the defensive shield of American power in forms consonant with Asian freedom and self-respect. The challenge to Asia is to discard the dry meatless bone of mysticism and fatalism, for the lifegiving substance of aspiration and endeavor; to leave the past behind, recognize today's need for energetic self-reliance and dignified maturity; to make common cause against aggression, and meet America halfway in a joint undertaking to make the future secure for all.

OV-10A Modification Contract Awarded

North American Aviation, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, has been awarded a $60,427,810 modification to a previously awarded contract for OV-10A aircraft.

The twin-engine, light-weight, multi-purpose armed reconnaissance aircraft are being procured for the Air Force and Marine Corps.

Defense Dept. Mail Goes On Full ZIP Code Jan. 1

The New Year will bring the universal use of the appropriate ZIP codes on all Defense Department and Joint Chiefs of Staff stationery, envelopes and forms.

DOD Administrative Instruction 63 not only calls for including ZIP codes when ordering new letterheads but also altering old stationery after Jan. 1 by overprinting, stamping, typing or handwriting.

Also affected are mailing addresses imprinted by addressograph or automatic electronic data processing machines, with an additional requirement to pre-sort third class bulk mailing by ZIP code sequence.

AF Weapons Lab Wins 2nd Outstanding Unit Award

The Air Force Weapons Laboratory at Kirtland AFB, N.M., has become the first Air Force laboratory to receive the Outstanding Unit Award for two consecutive periods.

The award was presented by Secretary of the Air Force Harold Brown.

The citation accompanying the Air Force Outstanding Unit award credits the Weapons Laboratory with "outstanding contractual research efforts which have enabled it to exceed its mission and explore other unassociated areas."

Navy Accepts First A-7A Corsair II Jets

A-7A Corsair II light attack bombers were formally accepted by the U.S. Navy in mid-October ceremonies at Cecil Field, Fla.

The first of the two Corsairs delivered already has been scheduled for carrier suitability tests at sea during November and December.

The Navy's new jet, which is especially designed to carry out attack and close support roles, came off production lines only 13 months after the initial flight test.

ROK AWARD—President Chung Hee Park presents the Republic of Korea Order of Service Merit, First Class, to Gen. John P. McConnell, U. S. Air Force Chief of Staff, during a reception at Seoul, Korea.

DOD Official Discusses Automation in Defense

The only argument against automation's coming now is that it is already here, DOD's Assistant Director of Engineering Management told a government and industry numerical control symposium at Oklahoma City in early October.

Mr. James W. Roach went on to describe his idea of a computerized world in 1986:

- Drawings in form of digital information are sent by telephone lines or bounded off satellites. Use of the mails is down.
- The government keeps very little data. Instead, contractors retrieve information from machine memories when requested by the government.
- Hard copy drawing repositories are disappearing in favor of computer memories.
- Ships have thrown their data repositories overboard and are getting data as required by satellite.
- Reinvention seldom happens. Designers feed computers to make sure if their brainchildren have already been invented.

Committee Approves Plans For Veterans Day Programs

The Veterans Day National Committee has approved plans for five major Veterans Day programs Nov. 11.

The national ceremony will be held at Arlington National Cemetery under sponsorship of the AMVETS. The organization's National Commander, A. Leo Anderson, is scheduled to participate in the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Four regional observances in addition to parades and patriotic rallies are planned throughout the country.

Navy Sets Selection Criteria For NATO College Attendance

Navy has outlined its selection process for sending captains to NATO Defense College courses next year in Rome.

The courses, previously held in Paris, are approximately six months long. Navy is invited to send an officer annually to each course and attempts to alternate between surface officers, designator 1100, and aviators, designator 1310.

Past policy continues of providing new students with French language training at the Defense Language Institute prior to reporting. While language proficiency is not mandatory, it is desirable.

Air Guard, Reserve Colonels Selected for Air War College

Some 48 senior Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Colonels have been selected to attend an orientation course for senior officers at the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

On alternate years, generals in the Reserve Forces attend the week-long course held shortly before Christmas.

Two purposes of the course are to update knowledge of key Reserve Force personnel and to provide a medium for the exchange of ideas to the Active Force.

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